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Director of Central Intelligence

FROM

Angus MacLean Thuermer

Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT

Washington Journalism Center Conference

Lunch

The discussion described in the attached letter would give you a chance to talk to editorial writers from major papers <u>outside</u> Washington.

Julius tells me men from places such as Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Providence, Boston, Philadelphia, etc. usually show up at his conferences. The sessions are like a seminar. It is not similar to the ASNE situation. It is face to face and involves give and take.

I think you might have a good opportunity here to chat with out-of-town edit writers we don't very often see.

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Dear Mr. Bush:

The Washington Journalism Center is sponsoring a Conference for Journalists on Changing Foreign and Defense Policies from May 10 through 13, 1976.

We would like you to participate in the Conference, speaking informally for about 15 minutes and then answering questions for an hour or so.

Fifteen to twenty editors, editorial writers, commentators and reporters from throughout the country will participate in the Conference, which is one of a series being sponsored by the Center to help develop a broader understanding among journalists of key issues in the news.

Attendance at the Conference is limited so that the sessions can be both informal and informative.

We would like you to give your views on current intelligence issues and lead a discussion at a luncheon session at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 13.

If this time is inconvenient, I am sure that we can arrange a time to suit your schedule.

The session will be held at the Watergate Hotel, 2650 Virginia Avenue, N. W.

Enclosed is additional information about the Conference on Changing Foreign and Defense Policies. We are hoping for an early and affirmative reply and would appreciate your sending a biographical sheet along with your acceptance.

Sincerely,

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Mr. George Bush Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bush,

Don Bucknam, president of our Association, tells us that he was very impressed with the talk you gave at the National Newspaper Association Government Affairs Conference last week.

We are in the process of planning our state convention, and Mr. Bucknam has suggested that Indiana newspaper publishers might be interested in hearing what you have to say about the "message" of the CIA. So we are herewith inviting you to speak at one of the luncheon meetings of our convention.

Our meeting will be May 14-15. There will be a luncheon each of those days, and I can arrange to have you appear at either one, whichever is more convenient for you.

The convention will be attended by more than 200 people -- the publishers and other senior executives of the largest newspapers in the state of Indiana. (Our member papers represent 95% of the newspaper circulation in the state.) I shall enclose a booklet describing our organization, along with a program from last year's convention.

I do hope that you will be able to include this appearance in your schedule. Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

Grace Falvey

Office Manager

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Honorable George Bush, Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Bush:

My wife and I were among those attending the recent Government Affairs Conference of the National Newspaper Association in Washington.

We wish to commend you for the excellent presentation you made for the conference and your superb handling of the questions that were posed to you in reference to your Agency that carries such tremendous importance to our nation and the free world.

Let me say to you that it is a source of satisfaction and comfort to know that a man of your ability is in this sensitive position at this time. I wish for you continued success and the continued strengthening of the Intelligence community that so ably must continue to serve our nation.

Sincerely yours.

Stanley Parkman

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